

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to July 8 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 10 April 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Blumenthal on November 1, 2004.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 1 line 13; Claims 3 & 4 line 9; Claim 6 line 10 and Claim 8 line 11: "the selected output" has been changed to "a selected output of one of said first and second equalizing means".

Claims 2, 5, 10 and 11, line 1: "A circuit" has been changed to "An equalizer circuit".

Claims 3, 4, 6 & 8, line 2: "the start" has been changed to "a start".

Claim 3, line 18: "said circuit" has been changed to "said equalizer circuit".

Claim 6 line 7 & Claim 8 line 8: "feeding same" has been changed to "feeding said first and second carrier sense signals".

Claim 6, line 8: "a clock signal to said" has been changed to "a clock signal and said first and second carrier sense signals and supplying an output clock signal to said".

Claim 7, lines 2-3: "first and second carrier sense signals enabling" has been changed to "the first and second carrier sense signals to enable".

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Claim 9, line 1: "The method" has been changed to "An equalizing method".

Claims 12, 13 & 14, line 2 & line 4: "equalizing units" has been changed to "equalizer units".

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-14 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not teach or suggest, alone or in a combination, among other things, at least a equalizer circuit and its method as a whole, the combination of elements and features as claimed, which includes the first and second equalizer means/units receiving the reception signal simultaneously and switching out the outputs alternately according every frame reception under the control of the control means which receives a detect signal when the carrier sensing means senses a start of the reception signal, and alternately enabling the first and second equalizer means/units.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

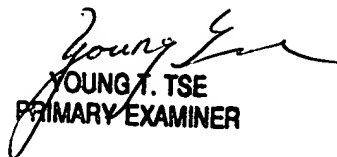
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edith M Chang whose telephone number is 571-272-3041. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jayanti Patel can be reached on 571-272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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November 1, 2004


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